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**"LONG LIVE THE SYRIAN REPUBLIC!"**

**"LONG LIVE THE LEBANESE REPUBLIC"**

"LONG LIVE UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD AMONG THE LEBANESE IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE THE BELOVED LEBANESE REPUBLIC AND TO PROTECT LEBANON'S EXISTENCE!"

"O Lebanese!

"Sister Syria is passing through a severe and terrible calamity. The Syrian 'coup d'état,' whose perpetrators exploited the legitimate dissatisfaction of the people with the crimes of the reactionary ruling clique, and deceived the patriotism of Syrian men and officers by its implementation, is nothing but a venture fraught with the gravest dangers to the existence of Syria and Lebanon and their peoples.

"The policy of falling into the laps of the Anglo-Saxon imperialists and of hurrying to execute their will and to march in their procession-- a policy which has been followed by reactionary Syrian rulers and their colleagues in Lebanon -- is an unjust one. It has starved the popular masses, restricted liberty, separated the ruling clique from the people, dug a deep abyss between them, and enabled the imperialists to strike their blow and to carry out their conspiracy.

"All evidence and facts indicate that the hands of the Anglo-Saxon imperialists are behind the 'coup d'etat' venture which opens the door wide for subjugating the Syrian people to a terroristic, fascist, feudalistic, and reactionary system, for implementing the imperialistic criminal and destructive projects, such as those of 'Greater Syria' or the 'Fertile Crescent,' and for destroying the existence of our Arab sister republic, eliminating the remnants of its independence and the last vestiges of democracy and the rights of man.

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"The 'heroes' of the coup d'état venture to allege that they want to save Syria from the despotic ruling clique, while they themselves have participated with this clique in all its crimes. It appears that they are ready to cooperate with all its men. They now insist on detaining Shukri Quwatli, the President of the Republic, and some of his followers. This means that they do not want to change the former policy and do not want to establish a sound democratic system, as they allege. They want only to change the system of government, destroy the Syrian Republic and install a king from the Hashimite royal family, the traitors and enemies of progress in the countries, or to unite Syria with one of the two Hashimite kingdoms, Transjordan or Iraq, and to permit the return of foreign occupation to our sister state in order to place it under a system of terrorism, bestiality, hunger, and looting, worse than the system in the days of darkness. Behold, the emissaries of 'Abdullah and Nuri Sa'id are hastening to Damascus, where they are being welcomed by the 'heroes' of the coup d'état."

"O LEBANESE, O WORKERS, PEASANTS, YOUTHS, STUDENTS, INTELLECTUALS AND LIBERALS, O NATIONALIST AND LOYAL MEN AND WOMEN;

"The conspiracy plotted by the imperialists in Syria is also a conspiracy against Lebanon. All the past and present events have demonstrated that the two sister republics are united in such a manner that the fate of one is the fate of the other. Therefore, the destruction of Syria's existence means the destruction of Lebanon's existence. The domination and tyranny of fascism in Syria means the domination and tyranny of fascism in Lebanon. The friends of the traitor 'Abdullah and of the assassin Nuri Sa'id, such as Emil Edde, Archbishop Hbarak, and all the supporters of the 'Christian National State,' Kamil Muruwa, Camille Shamun and all the protagonists of the Greater Syria and the Fertile Crescent projects, all of them are now applauding the Syrian coup d'état, which they regard as a 'sign' of the collapse of Lebanon and its change into a vilayet or protectorate under the crown of 'Abdullah or 'Abd-al-Ilah.

"With regard to the Lebanese Government, it is following the policy of subjugation to foreign imperialism and persecution of its people. This policy is helping the imperialists to implement their conspiracies against Lebanon. It calls for 'caution' and waiting, and this means giving the conspiring imperialists sufficient time to implement their conspiracy in Syria and then to implement it in Lebanon.

"The conspiracy of the military coup d'état in Syria is an indivisible part of Anglo-Saxon imperialistic projects which aim at destroying the independence of Syria and Lebanon and erasing them from the map of the world. The imperialists intend to include Syria and Lebanon in blocs of war and aggression, such as the Mediterranean or the Eastern blocs which they are preparing against the Soviet Union, and which will make the Syrians and Lebanese into fodder for guns and bombs and which will also expose our lands and homes to horrible destruction and death.

"O Lebanese!

"Our nation and its existence are in great danger. Our salvation rests in our unity, our struggle, and our collaboration with the Arab peoples and the preponderant democratic forces.

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NO Lebanese People!

"The hour is dangerous and critical. Regardless of your political inclinations and party differences, regardless of your religious beliefs, rise to unite and to mobilize your national forces to face the criminal imperialistic policy and to protect the existence and republican system of Lebanon from all dangers. On to unity, struggle, and collaboration with sister Syria to save her from imperialistic conspiracy, to preserve her existence and republican system, and to regain her independence. On to unity and struggle for the creation of a sound democratic and national republican system in Lebanon, and for the realization of the people's demands for liberty, bread, and a Lebanese policy which will take part in defending world peace.

"The Syrian people who have been struggling against the imperialists for thirty years will not bend their heads to the adventurers and to those coveting thrones and crowns. They will rise to struggle. They will strike the imperialists and their followers with the support of the Arab peoples and the backing of the world democratic forces, headed by the great Soviet Union.

"Down with Fascism!

"Down with imperialistic conspiracies against Syria and Lebanon!

"Long live the Syrian Republic, free, independent, and democratic!

"Long live unity and brotherhood among the Lebanese in their struggle to preserve the dear Lebanese Republic!"

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(signed) The Lebanese Communist Party

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